

BATTLE'S VICTIM DIED YESTERDAY

His Skull Was Badly Fractured by the Blow of a Stone.

BONE DEPRESSED ON THE BRAIN

Paul Stravaniski Was Drinking in the White House on Saturday Night, April 2, When He Was Struck by a Stone Aimed at the Bartender by Patrick Battle--Latter Is Not Yet Aware of His Victim's Death.

Paul Stravaniski died in the Lackawanna hospital yesterday afternoon as the result of a fractured skull caused by a jagged stone hurled by drunken Patrick Battle in the White House saloon on the night of Saturday, April 2. Battle had been ejected from the place but returned and threw the stone at the bartender. It missed the latter and made a victim of Stravaniski, an innocent bystander.

Battle tried to escape but was caught two blocks away and was sent to the county jail the next day, Sunday, to await the result of Stravaniski's injury. Several days later Stravaniski had but slightly improved. Battle was then given a formal hearing and re-committed to jail without bail.

Stravaniski was so weak that an operation could not be risked the night he was hurt. He was operated on by Dr. L. M. Gates, assisted by Drs. Webb and Newbury, of the hospital, removed from the injured man's brain a piece of bone twice as large as an ordinary sized thumb nail. It had been depressed into the brain substance and produced concussion. The fracture alone would commonly have produced death.

PERIODS OF CONSCIOUSNESS. Until he died, Stravaniski had only periods of consciousness. He slowly improved, however, until Thursday, when his temperature showed a slight increase. Assiduous nursing and careful medical treatment was all that could be done for him. His condition, however, did not positively indicate a possible fatal ending until Saturday noon.

The immediate and supplementary cause of death, supposed to be septic in its nature and resulting from the blow, will be determined in an autopsy to be made by Coroner Longstreet today.

Battle had not been told up to this morning of his victim's death. On Saturday he passed his cell unheeded and for the first time since his confinement impressed his keepers that he had become thoroughly concerned over his deed. His rather unsavory history was published as follows in The Tribune of April 4:

"His record is bad. He is 27 years old, was a laborer in the Dickinson mine and resided at 1717 McDonough avenue. His wife is an inmate at the Hillside Home and their 6-months-old child is in St. Joseph's Foundling home. Battle has been under arrest for drunkenness and fighting. His wife sought the protection of the police two months ago, when the Associated Charities took the case in hand and sent her to the Hillside Home and her child to the Foundling Home."

REMAINS NOT CLAIMED. No friends of the dead Stravaniski concerned themselves about his condition while he was lying half dead at the hospital. The officials there know nothing of his identity beyond what was revealed in a memorandum book found in his pocket and which indicated he might be Paul Stravaniski, who had worked as a miner in Tripp's shop. It was later said that he was from Peckville or Priebeburg.

HORSE, BOY, CROWD. All Became Mixed in a Bit of Evening Excitement. A runaway horse with a boy named

Brumbaugh on its back, caused no end of chasing and excitement in the business district last evening. The animal was being ridden to Gorman's stable, on Spruce street, opposite the court house. A halter served as a bridle and that accounts for the runaway.

The boy lost control of the horse at Wyoming avenue and his mount ran east on Spruce street, circling Court House square, and returning to near the scene of his first break away. At that point he defied the efforts of an excited crowd to stop him. He whirled about and started on another turn but was halted by the energetic use of an umbrella manipulated by a person with presence of mind.

The horse smiled docilely as he was led to his stable. The boy was not hurt, but somewhat excited. His cries of "Stop him!" "Stop him!" as the horse dashed around the block attracted a large crowd.

GHASTLY FIND IN RIVER.

Decomposed Body of an Unknown Man Fished Out of the Lackawanna, May Have Been Murdered.

The ghastly find of the decomposed body of a man was made in the Lackawanna river Saturday afternoon in the vicinity of Miller's field, near the lower steel mills. Identification of clothing or body will be almost impossible on account of decomposition, the body evidently having been in the water a month.

Steve Daly and Frank Brown, boys, pelted stones at the body, thinking it was a dog's carcass. Edward Murray, Paul Smith and David Burke, who were at work on the tracks above the bank, were attracted to the spot and formed the opinion that the body was that of a man. They fastened a wire to it and drew it to the bank.

Only parts of outer and under clothing were on the body. The trousers had been partly pulled down over the shoes. This may have occurred before the body entered the water, and, further, may be significant of violence. However, there was considerable resistance, as though the feet were fastened to something beneath the surface and this may have been the cause of the partial stripping of the trousers from the legs.

The violence theory is given color in the fact that the feet were attached to something and that the body was found in one of the deepest pools in the river. It is in a locality devoid of habitation, and can be reached only with difficulty from the west bank on account of brush and rocks.

Coroner Longstreet and the police were not told of the find until after 8 o'clock. The former and Chief Robinson immediately visited the scene where a jury was impaneled and an investigation begun. An ugly looking gash was noticed behind the left ear. The body was at once interred in Washburn street cemetery by Undertaker Price.

Appearances indicate the man was a Pole, about 5 feet and 10 inches in height and of good physique. The mustache was of a light brown color. The jury impaneled in the case will adjourn inquest Friday evening.

LIKES UNCLE SAM FOR A BOSS.

Ex-Postmaster McDonald Continues in Government's Service.

Ex-Postmaster Frank McDonald, of Dunmore, who transferred his office to his successor, Mark Bishop, Saturday, has the distinction, possibly of being the first patriot from these parts to enlist his services for the expected war. Mr. McDonald, tomorrow, begins duty as a foreman in the foundry department of the Brooklyn navy yard, a position which he secured and qualified for during the early part of last week. He is by trade a moulder and for a number of years conducted a foundry in Green Ridge.

IKE SEIDMAN WAS BADLY BEATEN

George Lance and Julius Coons Were His Assaultants.

LANCE HAD CHARGE OF THE MAIL

That Saved Him from Immediate Arrest, but Coons Was at Once Taken Into Custody--Seidman Is a Special Officer and He Threatened to Arrest Them for Creating a Disturbance--At This They Both Attacked Him.

Uncle Sam's magic circle saved one of Liverman Riley Edwards' drivers from spending last night in a station house cell, and if what the police officers say is true, there is room for regret that the aforesaid magic circle intervened.

Ike Seidman, "runner" for the Union Transfer company and incidentally a special officer, was chatting at the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western station at midnight with Detective John Moir, when George Lance, employed by Liverman Edwards' drivers in driving the mail wagon, happened along and, it is alleged, gave evidence by his actions of having helped, in a very material way in the violation of one of the Sabbath laws.

Seidman made some joking remark to Detective Moir about the condition which the mail driver was in and Lance overheard it. He retorted in angry tones, but was quieted by the detective and told to go about his business.

SEIDMAN OVERTAKEN. About ten minutes later, while walking up Lackawanna avenue, Seidman was overtaken by the mail wagon, Lance espied him and halting his horse, commenced to assail Seidman with opprobrious names. Julius Coons, another of Edwards' drivers, who was on the wagon, jumped off and advanced towards Seidman in a threatening manner.

Seidman warned him that he was a special officer and that if he created any disturbance he would be arrested. This only made Coons the more turbulent and in loud tones he heaped the vilest kind of abuse on the special officer. Seidman warned him again to desist and, when he refused, told him he could consider himself under arrest, and reached his hand out to take hold of him.

At this Lance dropped the reins, deserted his wagon with its precious burden and pitched into the special officer. Coons lent a hand, and between them they gave the unfortunate Seidman a brutal drubbing. He was half conscious and his face bruised and covered with blood when Detective Moir and Patrolman Boland pulled his vicious assaultants from off him.

The law that forbids the arrest of a person in charge of United States mail made it impossible to take Lance into custody, but he was to be arrested at 5:15 this morning, when he goes on duty.

Coons was taken to the station house and locked up, while Seidman was assisted to a nearby hotel for repairs.

THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS.

The Akerstrom Company.

Miss Ulla Akerstrom and her versatile company of dramatic plays and vaudeville performers will begin tonight what should be a prosperous week's engagement at the Academy. It has been Miss Akerstrom's pride that what she promises she always faithfully performs and while she promises much for her plays and her supporting company this season there is no doubt as to the fulfillment of every promise. Many refined musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, will be introduced between the acts, making the performance complete. Miss Akerstrom's spectacular scenes with elaborate electricity and calcium effects will conclude each performance. Special inducements in the way of cut-rate prices

are offered the ladies for Monday night and as Miss Akerstrom has always been a special favorite with her own sex there is no doubt as to the success of her opening night. Seats are now on sale and are bound to go with a rush.

OH! SUSANNAH!

Charles Frohman, who has given to Hartford so many excellent plays, will produce on Wednesday night, at the Lyceum, April 20, the latest and most successful farce-comedy, "Oh! Susannah!" with the same cast of characters and fine stage settings which have made it so successful for over one hundred nights at Hoyt's theater, New York city. The bill being a double one, brings us also that charming comedienne, Annie Russell, in her new play, "Dunbarfield '95," which will act as a certain raiser. This bill is a delightful combination of rollicking fun and delicate comedy, with Miss Russell and her clever, winsome methods, paying the way for the uproariousness which Josephine Hall and her associates provoke in "Oh! Susannah!"

PRIMARYS ON SATURDAY.

Delegates Were Chosen to Attend the Convention at Taylor.

Delegates were chosen Saturday to attend the convention of the Republicans of the Third Legislative district, which will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. in Reese's hall, Taylor. At this convention two delegates to the Republican state convention will be chosen. The struggle for delegates was not very exciting on Saturday. The contests in nearly every instance were conducted in a good-natured manner.

BUSH'S ROLL WAS SMALL.

He Was Locked Up by the Police for Safe Keeping.

At midnight Saturday, Patrolman Haggerty found William Bush drunk and surrounded by a crowd in Center street. The officer was told that Bush had a wad of money and that some of the crowd were after it.

When searched at the police station an old silver watch, a pocket knife and \$32 in coin was the sum total found on the prisoner. He paid a fine of \$3 in Sunday morning's police court.

OLYPHANT.

William W. Davis, another of Olyphant's pioneer residents, passed away at his home in Blakely yesterday morning. His death was caused by inflammation of the bowels, contracted by a fall which he received about a week ago. Mr. Davis was an affable, sober and industrious man, and held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

He was born in Dowlat, South Wales, fifty-three years ago, and has been a resident of Olyphant for thirty years, except for a short period, when he resided in the west. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and Emlin lodge of trustees of this place, and also a member of the Blakely borough council. He is survived by four sons and two daughters, John, Arthur, Delos and Frank; Mary J. and Mrs. Benjamin. Announcement of funeral will appear later.

DIED.

BROADBENT--In West Scranton, April 16, 1898, Wright Broadbent, 65 years of age, at the residence, 30 North Broadway avenue. Burial Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence. Interment at the Washburn street cemetery. MONTGOMERY--In West Scranton, April 16, 1898, J. W. Montgomery, 25 years of age, at the residence, 1319 Petteshore street. Burial Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Interment at Hemlock Center.

MEMBERS OF INSTITUTE PREPARING.

Want to Be Among the First to Answer the Summons.

The Cincinnati Enquirer says Judge H. W. Rives, chairman of the Supreme council of the Young Men's Catholic Institute of the United States, has directed every council to designate a member to whom to telegraph in case of war and to enroll at once all willing to go to the front the moment the president calls for volunteers.

M. T. Corcoran, of Cincinnati, the supreme vice-president of the order, confirms the story. Hon. J. J. McDade, the supreme president, has been telegraphing copiously. This order numbers 50,000, and it is estimated 90 per cent. are willing to go at once.

SALARIES OF KANSAS BANKERS.

The Most of Them Work at Populist Figures.

The salaries of the bankers of Kansas are not so large as popularly supposed. In accordance with the new banking law, Bank Commissioner Irredenthal has required the state and private bankers of Kansas to file with his department statements showing the receipts and disbursements of these institutions; in other words, to show the expense of running them. This has never been required before. The statements are prepared by the bank officers, not the cashier, and show in detail where every cent has been spent. They are sworn to.

There are in the neighborhood of 375 state and private banks in Kansas. The sworn statements just sent in by the officers of these institutions show that less than twenty-five presidents of state and private banks draw salaries. Many people believe that all presidents are on the pay roll. Those who draw pay devote their entire attention to the bank's affairs. The salaries of these are mostly under \$1,000 a year. Three of them draw \$2,500; a dozen or more draw only \$500 a year each.

The average salary of cashiers is about \$1,000 a year. A number draw \$1,500 to \$2,500, but these are offset by the 200 or more who get from \$500 to \$750 a year. The cashier of the largest bank in the state gets only \$2,500. The cashier of one western Kansas bank gets \$25 a month and boards himself. Kansas bank clerks as a rule are not overpaid. Some of them get as high as \$1,000, but the average of them get about \$480. "Clerk hire, \$200," is a familiar entry on the statements. Only one bank in the state spends over \$10,000 a year for running expenses. That is the largest one, and its salary list last year aggregated \$13,040. Of this amount the president got \$2,500 and the cashier \$2,500. The next highest was \$8,500, the third \$5,680 and the fourth \$4,790. The rest all run under \$4,000. The expense account, all told, of the majority of them, averaged less than \$2,000.

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